

**RESOLUTION NO. xxxx-2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL  
ESTABLISHING THE “LEADING THE NEXT WAVE OF LEADERS” YOUTH  
INTERNSHIP AND YOUTH COUNCIL PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Bragg is committed to fostering workforce development, civic engagement, and leadership opportunities consistent with the City’s Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, investing in youth provides meaningful opportunities to build a pipeline of future leaders, strengthen community connections, and support long-term organizational sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to establish a structured program that provides students with hands-on experience in local government while also engaging youth in civic processes and community-based decision-making; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed “Leading the Next Wave of Leaders” Program includes both a paid internship component and a Youth Council with a Youth Impact Fund to support youth-driven community projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Council will be selected through a student-led process involving local high schools and will serve as a leadership body representing youth perspectives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Impact Fund will provide financial resources to support youth-generated project ideas, with projects to be developed, evaluated, and presented by youth participants; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council will review and consider the final project proposals submitted by youth participants prior to implementation, ensuring alignment with City priorities and community benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, the total program cost of approximately \$15,000, including \$12,000 for internships and \$3,000 for the Youth Impact Fund, is available within existing budget allocations or as otherwise approved by the City Council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The City Council of the City of Fort Bragg hereby approves the establishment of the “Leading the Next Wave of Leaders” Youth Internship and Youth Council Program to be implemented beginning Summer 2026.
2. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to develop program guidelines, coordinate outreach and selection processes, and administer the program consistent with this Resolution.

3. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to make minor administrative updates to program materials and processes necessary to improve clarity, incorporate future regulatory requirements, and respond to operational feedback from City departments, participants, or the public, provided such changes are consistent with the intent of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, by the following vote:

**AYES:**  
**NOES:**  
**ABSENT:**  
**ABSTAIN:**  
**RECUSED:**

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**JASON GODEKE**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**Diana Paoli**  
City Clerk